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FY 199 Resource Enhancements

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Illinois

Enhancements in the Fiscal Year 1999 budget for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) include the following increases in Illinois:

FY 1999 INS Enhancements in Illinois

Location	Current Staff	Increase	Total
<i>Adjudicators (Term)</i>			
Chicago District	24	15	39
<i>Inspectors</i>			
Chicago District (airports)	125	6	131
TOTAL	149	21	170

Adjudicators

The naturalization program received a major boost when Congress and President Clinton approved \$171 million for FY 1999 to reduce application backlogs and further support naturalization activities plus an additional \$5 million for records initiatives. The funding includes existing INS and Department of Justice funds and, for the first time, \$60 million in appropriated resources. It will provide for 200 new term Adjudicators, 100 Immigration Information Officers at the Service Centers to assist with application processing, a national telephone customer service center and the centralization of 25 million paper files that are currently housed in 80 offices nationwide.

Inspectors

The FY 1999 INS budget contains funding for 100 new Inspectors to handle increases in air traffic and maintain passenger processing time at a maximum of 45 minutes. The new Inspectors will be deployed at airports in 11 major cities, including Chicago, and two overseas locations.